

**We are pleased and honored
To welcome you to
St. Francis of Assisi Parish**
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Rev. Mark Masnicki, Pastor
Rev. Richard Breton
Deacon Michael Puscas



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

**Saturday November 18, 2017 Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles; St Rose Philippine Duchesne,
virgin**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Claire Moekle req. by Bill & Joan Russoniello Goba

Sunday, November 19, 2017 33rd Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ed Coutu also Safety of Philadelphia Marathon for
Shayla Coutu & Ashlee Morgan Coutu req. by Norm
& Ella Mae Kuzel

10:30 AM Julie Coscia req. by her family

Monday November 20, 2017 Weekday

NO MASS

**Tuesday November 21, 2017 Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

NO MASS

Wednesday November 22, 2017 St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr

9:00 AM George Boone req. by Mackie

Thursday November 23, 2017 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM Kathryn & Dominic Rescigno req. by Marie Napoli

**Friday November 24, 2017 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and
companions, martyrs**

NO Morning Mass

**Saturday November 25, 2017 St. Catherine of Alexandria,
virgin & martyr**

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Michael & Amy Dorney Goba on their recent
Marriage req. by Bill & Annette Russoniello Peck

**Sunday, November 26, 2017 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of
the Universe**

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Lavertu family req. by
Bert & Rachel Bosse

10:30 AM Janet Gagnon req. by her family

Offertory: \$ 2,149.00 Extraordinary: \$ 778.00

Today's second collection is for our parish fuel fund.

Fuel cost for our parish is around \$ 6,000 per year. Please be
generous. Next weekend's second collection is for building &
maintenance.

A very sincere thanks to all those parishioners who make-up their
offertory while away.

**Adoration of our Lord. Jesus is the Friend who never abandons us.
(St. Luigi Guanella) Adoration begins at 8:30am following the
8:00am Mass on Thursdays and continues until Benediction at
7:00pm at St. Andrew Church. There is always a need for faithful
adorers, please consider omitting to a specific hour. Contact Dennis
Girard @ 860.334.9894 or dennisgirard51@gmail.com**

Weekend November 25 & 26

5:00pm Lector: Bob Nejako

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Puscas

Altar Servers: Steve Bardes & C.J. Frank

8:00am Lector: Rosanne Coffey

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Puscas

Altar Servers: Emily Pomerleau & Sarah Dungan

10:30am Lector: Roger Proulx

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Puscas

Altar Servers: Drew Taylor & Nicholas Barrett

Military Service Honor Roll

LCPL Alex Bielawa, U.S. Marines

Lt. Colonel William J. Girard, U.S. Army

Sgt. Derek Keegan, U.S. Army

Major Michael A. Goba, U.S. Army JAG

E-5 Francis Orcutt, U.S. Army

HMC Heather S. Gardipee, U.S. Navy

Pvt. Zachary Berquist, U.S. Army

Pvt. First Class Jacob Grzanowicz

SFC Justin A. VonEdwins, U.S. Army

Sgt. Robert Massicotte U.S. Army

1st Lt. Miles N. Snelgrove USMC 2nd Batt. 6th Marines

AM3 Emerson Flannery, U.S. Navy

Seaman Alex R. Paris, U.S. Navy

LCPL Chad Wengloski, U.S. Marines

CTN3 Jonah Swett, U.S. Navy

Seaman Recruit Rocky Spedaliere

2nd Lt. Tyler McGuire, U.S. Air Force

Prayer for our Men and Women in Military Service

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask for Your protection for all our
men and women in military service. Give them unflinching
courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion the rights of
all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches,
our homes, our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our
buildings and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our
land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an
early peace with victory founded upon justice. Instill in the
hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose
to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER — We pray for Rev. Jeffrey Ellis,
Rev. Edward Dempsey DBA, V. Rev. David Choquette, V. Rev.
Dennis Perkins, Rev. Joseph Ashe, Msgr. Michael Donohue,
Rev. George Villamthanam CST. Rev. Mark O'Donnell, Rev.
Timothy Roth MIC, Rev. George Richards Jr., Rev. Martin
Jones, Rev. Benjamin Soosaimanickam, Rev. William McNulty,
Rev. Stanley Szczapa.

O, Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your
priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for
the lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your
dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory, I pray.
(Ven. Mother Catherine Aurelia, foundress)



The Ladies Guild will be holding a
**homemade breads and muffins
Bake Sale** after all Masses the
weekend of November 18 & 19th.

Stop by and purchase something
for the holidays!

MEETINGS

Monday November 20:

Ladies Guild @ 6:30pm in meeting room

Patriotic Rosary at 7:00pm in the church.

**Grades 2 & 6 will be assisting at the 10:30am
Mass today. Refreshments following in the
meeting room.**



All Parishioners are invited to join the CCD classes for a Living Rosary. Sunday December 3rd at 9:00 in the Lebanon Elementary School gymnasium, 479 Exeter Road. Please join us as we come together to show special devotion to the Blessed Mother in this most holy season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH

- ✓ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting** every Tuesday at 2 PM Spiritual Renewal Center, 11 Bath Street, Norwich, CT (860-887-0702) .
- ✓ **Healing Mass** at 2pm Monday, November 27, 2017 Spiritual Renewal Center 11 Bath Street, Norwich

WINE, WISDOM, AND WHY

Wine, Wisdom, and Why at Holy Family Hebron on Thursday November 30th from 7 – 9pm. "The Advent Edition" - *Learn more about your faith and share some fellowship with other adult Catholics.* Join us for an evening of questions and answers about our Faith! Ask questions about *Advent Traditions* as well as any other *Faith Traditions* you have always wondered about! A panel of experts ready to answer any questions include: *Bishop Michael Cote, Bishop of the Norwich Diocese, Sr. Elissa Rinere CP, Director of Office of Worship/Pastoral Planning, Norwich Diocese, Deacon Chris Deskus, Director of Prison Ministry Office, Norwich Diocese, and Mr. Brendan Bell, Scripture Teacher, Xavier High School, Middletown* RSVP BY Nov. 10th to via email to faithevents@norwichdiocese.net – Questions for the evening may also be sent to this email.

Dear Parishioners: Our Finance Council and our Parish Advisory Council have determined that it is time to address the Church Roof, Steeple, and garage roof. We have begun the process by requesting bids for the work that needs to be done. The steeple is our first concern at present. You may have noticed that there are two stains on the Church ceiling that have grown larger since the last heavy rain storm that left many towns without power for several days. Financing these projects: We have submitted a grant request to the Hugh Trumbull Adams Trust for \$30,000. While there is no guarantee that we will receive any monies, the request has been submitted. We will not know of the decision until the end of the year. Any balance will be borrowed from parish savings with a possible pledge drive to replenish the monies we borrow. We plan to address the steeple as soon as possible, with the roof projects to be done in the spring. We will announce more information as it is received

The Pope wants to hear from Young People!

To prepare for the upcoming international Synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment," the Holy Father wants online feedback from all youth and young adults, ages 16 to 29, from around the world, regardless of how active they are in the practice of the faith. Youth and young adults, ages 16 to 29, are invited to go online and fill out the Vatican survey: <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718> When you get to the page, click box in the top right hand corner that say "italiano". A drop down menu will appear, select English then begin the survey. The online survey is open until November 30, 2017.

Programs at My Father's House – 39 N, Moodus Rd, Moodus www.myfathershousect.org 860.873.1906

- ❖ December 2 Retreat speaker Rocco Fortunato Founder of Spread the Blaze
- ❖ December 9 Retreat on Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service Sunday, November 19 at 7:00pm at the First Congregational Church. Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for

Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Refreshments to follow the service.

GIVE THANKS
FAMILY • FRIENDS • GRATITUDE

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Learn how to better love your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at [860-481-3720](tel:860-481-3720) or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH BISHOP COTE On Sunday, December 3rd, St. Joseph's in Willimantic is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 1st Annual Diocesan Mass & Reception for Young Adults. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend! We encourage Young Adults to invite friends to join us! Mass with the Bishop will begin at 11:15am and following liturgy there will be a coffee social in the hall.



All parishioners are invited to join the Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus in reciting a living Patriotic Rosary on Monday, November 20th, 7:00 p.m. in the church. The Rosary is a prayer for our nation: for our government, religious leaders and all citizens of the fifty states. Refreshments will follow in the meeting room.

Note: the Ladies Guild regular meeting will be held as usual at 6:30 in the meeting room and we will proceed to the church for the Rosary.

Dear Parishioners,
Due to the drought conditions over the past two years and the gypsy moth effects on the evergreens, the Ladies Guild has made the decision not to make and sell the cemetery arrangements this year. Our hope is that conditions improve and we can continue this fundraiser next year. We are sorry for the inconvenience of this decision. We thank all who have supported us in the past through the donation on empty pots, greens and purchasing arrangements.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

East Catholic High School The Entrance Exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 at 8 a.m. at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call our Admissions office at 860-649-5336 x6456 for more information!

Defending Our Religious Liberty **Nov. 19, 2016**

This Thanksgiving, let us pray that our most cherished right of religious freedom is restored in the revision of the federal healthcare mandate.

St. Joseph School, Baltic will host their annual Christmas Auction and Basket Raffle on Saturday, December 2nd in the school gym. Doors open at 4:30pm for viewing and entry is free. The Knights of Columbus are hosting a baked potato bar beginning at 5:00pm, with a cost of \$5.00 per person for baked potato or sweet potato with a huge variety of toppings, salad and a drink. The live auction, beginning at 6a,00pm, will feature fantastic items to include Disney Park hopper passes, a hand-carved piece from Hanover Woodworking, and so much more. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the door that evening; a sheet of 20 for \$20. Raffle winners for these amazing basket will be announced following the auction. Come join us for an evening of great fun and delicious food. For more information, please call St. Joseph School at 860.822.6141.

EUCHARIST, REVELATION AND YOU

Where: Sacred Heart Church Hall (Norwichtown)

When: Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to participate in this weekly class that will leave you with a whole new appreciation of the Mass. It will help you to see more clearly the correlation between the Eucharist as the heavenly worship spoken in the Book of Revelation and your daily life. This course is free and is offered to those who want to know more about their faith. This class will begin on November 13th and will be led by Msgr. Les Janik.

Required Books: *The Lamb's Supper* – Scott Hahn, *The Bible – Book of Revelation*

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from December 4-6, 2017, at **Gurney's Newport Resort** on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

The theme of this year's Convocation is "**Paul as a Model for Pastoral Ministry.**" The key presenter will be Very Reverend Ronald Witherup, SS, Superior General of the Society of the Priests of Saint Sulpice (Sulpicians) and resides in Paris, France. A former academic dean and professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Patrick Seminary & University in Menlo Park, CA, he holds degrees in Old Testament and spirituality, as well as a licentiate in theology (STL), and a doctorate in biblical studies from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, (PhD). He is a frequent lecturer on biblical and theological topics and has written many articles for various scholarly and popular journals. Fr. Witherup has written over twenty books. His latest books from Paulist Press are to appear next year, *What the Bible Says about Mercy (and why it matters!)*, and *Life in the New Creation: A Spiritual-Pastoral Reading of Galatians*.

Bishop Cote emphasized the importance of this annual gathering in his letter inviting each priest to the Convocation, "Your presence and commitment to this time together is important to me. This year we celebrate the 36th year of gathering as a presbyterate for the Convocation."

The Convocation is coordinated by the Norwich Diocesan Continuing Education and Formation Commission: Very Rev. Dennis M. Perkins, Very Rev. David P. Choquette, Reverends John Antonelle, Gregory P. Brozonowicz, Peter B. Liszewski, Walter M. Nagle, and Michael Smith.

Sacred Heart School (Taftville) will be hosting their 3rd Annual Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 18th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. There will be crafters, vendors and raffles. Soups, chili, hotdogs, pulled pork sandwiches and baked goods will also be available.

Sacred Heart Church
52 West Town St. Norwichtown
Invites everyone to the
Annual Snowflake Fair
December 2nd from 9-2.
Theme baskets, white elephant, home
baked goodies, handmade items, lunch
and more!

SEEKING - PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS
Consideration for candidates to the Parish Advisory Council shall be by Letter of Intent.

- (a) Active parishioners are eligible.
- (b) Parishioners may nominate any interested parishioner, including themselves.
- (c) Must be a Roman Catholic.
- (d) Must be a practicing Catholic in accordance of Canon Law.
- (e) Must be Confirmed (meaning, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

A parishioner desiring to serve on the Parish Advisory Council should be nominated by making his or her interest known to the Pastor. The Pastor will verify and confirm that such individual is eligible and is a Catholic in good standing.

Parish Bulletin E-mailed to You

If you would like the parish bulletin emailed to you, a friend, or a college student away from home,
E-mail the parish office a request to be put on the email list.

Parish E-mail address:
cheryl@stfrancisassisilebanonct.org

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This year our CCD project is again to help the people of Haiti. This year we will collect funds for the "Give-a-Goat" program. Last year through everyone's efforts we raised enough funds to purchase 21 goats.

The goat brings self-sufficiency and hope to a family previously trapped in poverty. Goats can provide milk and meat. Pregnant goats often will give birth to twins or triplets. This in turn, increases the herds quickly.

On the table at the side entrance of Church, is a small photo album with pictures of the 22 goats we donated last year and a member of the family that received each goat. The Give-a-Goat Program is a great way for our children to learn the importance of giving to others.

The cost of a pregnant goat is \$150.00. Last year we raised over \$3,150 for our effort. Let us try to meet this goal again this year.

Each class will have a donation jar and children should bring whatever they can each Sunday. I would like to have this fund raising for the rest of this CCD year.